

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2005

CATEGORY	2005	2004	YTD 05	YTD 04
CSEPP INCIDENTS	9	7	29	16
DOE INCIDENTS	0	1	1	2
FIRE	21	58	76	91
HAZMAT	186	141	702	570
OTHER	29	20	97	84
911 OUTAGES	4	3	14	7
SAR	34	38	153	145
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	8	3	20	21
CGS INCIDENTS	1	0	2	0
TOTAL	292	272	1094	936

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On 3 April National Weather Service Seattle issued a gale warning for Camino Island to Point Roberts. Notification passed to all effected counties San Juan, Island, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit and Indian Tribes.

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- On April 3, 2005, the State EOC was advised of a passenger train accident involving the locomotive and 4 cars of the train in the vicinity of Carson in Skamania County. First responder units from Skamania, Clark, Klickitat counties and Hood River Oregon were dispatched to the scene. These counties also implemented their mass casualty response plans. Of the 115 passengers and 8 crew members, a total of 14 persons were transported to area hospitals for treatment of various injuries. Only two remained hospitalized for additional treatment. Officials from Amtrak, Burlington Northern and the National Transportation Safety Board were on scene the afternoon of April 3 to begin an investigation into the cause of the crash. The rail line was repaired and re-opened on April 5th.
- On April 5, the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) declared an "unusual event" due to a truck backing into the roll-up door in the safe shutdown building which prevented closing the door. There were no injuries, no release and no protective actions. Within the hour CGS made a 2nd report stating the incident did not meet the criteria for an Unusual Event because the door in question was not part of the safe shutdown building at all.
- On April 7, the Umatilla Chemical Depot reported a fire in the Explosive Containment Room (ECR). The fire was caused by an M-55 Rocket motor ignition. The ECR was filled with smoke and ACAM alarms were activated. The fire was contained and there were no injuries. Maintenance repairs were conducted in the ECR and the facility was returned to normal operational status.
- On April 9, King County Special Operations Unit opened a search for 2 missing mountain climbers in the area of Mason Lake off I-90. Additional mountain rescue personnel were coordinated from Pierce County to assist in the search. Both subjects were located in good condition and the resources were cancelled.
- On April 14, at 0100 hours King County opened a search for a 16 year old boy with a mental disability. Subject had been missing for over 8 hours when the SAR was opened and was dressed in only light clothes. The subject was found at 2200 hours the same day on a bus in Edmonds.
- On 14 April National Weather Service Seattle issued a gale warning for Camino Island to Point Roberts. Notification passed to all effected counties San Juan, Island, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit and Indian Tribes.

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- On April 14, a search was opened in Clark County for a missing 9 year-old boy in the urban area of Vancouver, WA. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce, Skamania, Thurston Counties and Oregon to assist in the search. The Amber Alert was terminated about 2 ½ hours later when the child was located with her biological mother.
- On April 16, the National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for Camano Island to Point Roberts. The Gale Warning was terminated at 2100 hours the same day without major impact to the area.
- On April 23, the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for central Yakima County. Also, a flash flood warning was issued for the same area. Both events were terminated by the National Weather Service without incident.
- On April 26, the Umatilla Chemical Depot issued an Information Message via the CSEPP Crash Line and Dedicated Fax. A suspicious package was discovered by security personnel in the Administrative Area. Army EOD identified the package as being an inert training aid. The incident was closed and "All Clear" given.
- On April 27, the National Weather Service Portland issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for East Central Cowlitz County. Winds 60 mph, nickel-sized hail and heavy rains are expected. Event terminated by the National Weather Service without incident.

For the month of April the SEOO's:

- Issued 18 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Issued 7 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Conducted 1441 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated 21 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in 13 exercises of which 6 were vessel spill drills

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- Made 1519 and answered 1456 telephone calls
- Conducted 2679 National Warning System Tests, conducted 228 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 55 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)